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he assuming the control of a public Journal, custom renders it necessary, that the Editor should point out the course he intends to pursue. In accordance with this usage, he will briefly sas, that he intends to advocate the measures of the Democratic Party :and that he will inscribe on his banner, os the voice of Ohio, the name of MARTIN VAN BUREN, for President of the United States, (subject to the decision of a National Convention.) and the name of DAVID TOD, as the Democratic Candidate for Governor of thio. by doing this, the Editor thaters himself, that he meets the approbation of the Democracy of Workee County,

In addition to the most important News of the day, both Foreign and Domestic, the paper will contain the askal entertaining and instructive valety. One object, which the Editor will keep constantly in view, and of which he hopes never to loose sight, will be to guard the interest of the Formers, Mechanics, and Working men generally, in relation to their rights and the duties they owe to themselves and posterity.

The Congressional and Legislative news will be given in the proper season; and all laws affecting township officers will be published, each year, before they arrive for distribution.

The Editor has ut a considerable expense, purchased a new printing press and materials, and therefore asks that his feeble exertions to please and inform the public, may be met by or in the best of friends of theary and equal mours.

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POETRY.

Wooster.

From the New Mirrior. THE SONG OF THE SHIRT.

EVERY editor should copy the following sad story of human suffering. It is frightfully true. What, in the name of humanity, is the reason that the wages of women are so miserably low? When employed by families, or private individuals, they receive a suitable compensation for their services. Those who profit by their toil, we understand are the cause of their misfortunes. From the "shops" of the tailors they are allowed only a shilling for making a shirt, which occupies a day, or a day and a half! The miscreants! But we must not allow our indignation for the cause, and our sympathy for the effect, to detain the reader from the " Song of the Shirt," which Russel, or the Hutchinsons, should set to music and sing at all their concerts. This would do more for poor suffering humanity than a thousand homities, or all the arguments

> With fingers weary and worn. With eyelids heavy and red, A woman sat, in unwomanly rags, Plying her needle and thread-Stitch! stitch! stitch! In poverty, hunger, and dirt, And still with a voice of dolorous pitch, She sang the "Song of the shirt?"

"Work! work! work! While the cock is crowing aloof! And work-work-work, Till the stars shine through the roof! It's O! to be a slave Along with the barbarous Turk. Where woman has never a soul to save,

If this is Christian work!

... Work-work-work-Till the brain begins to swim, Work-work-work. Till the eyes are heavy and dim! Seam, and gusset, and band, Band, and gusset, and seam, Till over the buttons I fall asleep, And sew them on in a dream?

"O! men, with sisters dear! Ohtmen, with mothers and wives! It is not linen you are wearing out, But human creature's lives! Stich-stitch-stitch.

In poverty, hunger and dirt, Sewing at once with a double thread, A shroud as well as a shirt.

"But why do I talk of death-That phantom of grisly bone, I hardly fear his terrible shape, -It seems so like my own-It seems so like my own Because of the fasts I keep, O. God! that bread should be so dear, And flesh and blood so cheap!

"Work-work-work! My labour never flags: And what are its wages? A bed of straw, A crust of bread-and rags That shattered roofad this naked floor-A table-a bro

my shadow I taqua y there! chime to chune

-work-work soners work for crime! and, and gusset, and seam, Seam, and gusset and band, Till the heart is sick, & the brain benumb'd As well as the weary hand.

.. Wark-work-work! In the dill December light, And work-work-work. When the weather is warm and bright-While inderneath the eaves The roading swallows cling, As if to show me their summy backs, And twit me with the spring.

Oh! but to breathe the breath Of the cowslip and primrose sweet-With the sky above my head And the grass beneath my feet, For only one short hour, To feel as I used to feel, Before I knew the wars of want, And the walk that costs a meal.

"O! but for one short bow! A respite bowever brief No blessed leisure for Love or Hope, But only time for Grid! A little weeping would case my heart, But in their briny bed My tears must stop, for every drop Hinders needle and thread!

With fingers weary and worn, With eyelids heavy and red, A woman in unwomanly rags, Plying her needle and thread-Stitch! stitch! stitch! In poverty, hunger and dirt, And still with a voice of dolorous pitch Would that its tone could reach the rich; She sang this "Song of the Shirt!" AN INCIDENT IN THE PENINSULAR WAR.

BY MRS. E. T. ELLETT.

It was at a bloody and critical period of the war in the Peninsula, that Morillo, then commanding the fifth Spanish army, about four thousand strong in conjunction with Penne Villemur, passed down the Portuguese frontier, to the Lower Gu diana intending to fall on Seville as soon as Saultshould advance to the succor of Badajos. In the beginning of April, while the French were disheartened by the sudden fall of that city, Penne Villemur and Morillo, issuing out of Portugal, or s- into the general's face. sed the Lower Guadiana and seized San Lucar de Mayor. This place was ten miles from Seville, battallion in Joseph's service, aided by "Excope- LIFE!" teros," and by sick and convalescent met. The Trianna bridge, and attacked the French entrenchments, hoping to raise a popular commotion. Ballasteros, on the other side, had advanced with eleven thousand men, intending to fall on Seville from the left of the Guadalquivir.

But the hopes entertained by the Spaniards, of being speedily in possession of Seville, were cut jects of ambition the promptings of humanity. off by a piece of deceit. False information adroitly given by a Spaniard in the French interest, led Ballasteros to believe Soult was at hand, whereupon he immediately returned to the Ronda; while Penne Villemur, also warned that the French plaining of the pressure. would soon return, retired to Gibraleon.

This disappointment and failure in the execution of a favorite project, cherished for many months, in the breeze of a May morning, murmuring pays irretated beyond control, the naturally severe tem- no bills. I have been an observer any time these per of Morillo. It was evening; and the division fifty years, and I never saw a man helped out of a of the army under him were encamped some hours' hole by cursing his horses. Be as quiet as you can, march on their retreat. Preparations might have for nothing will grow under a moving harrow, and been seen for a military execution, and a couple of discontent harrows the mind. Matters are bad, I prisoners, captured in their last skirmish, were, ac- acknowledge, but no ulcer is any better for fingercording to the cruel practice of many chiefs in ing. The more you groan, the poorer you grow. those times, to be put to death. The captives were guarded by a file of soldiers, and the executioners, waiting the word of command to draw up, were the thankful that we have not a famine. Besides, I leaning on their weapons, and talking over the always took notice that whenever I felt the rod events of the last two days.

to his tent after giving some order to the men, was don't forget that your schooling is not over yet, interrupted by a boy apparently ten years of age, who, seizing his hand, and speaking in an accent slightly foreign, besought bim, with pitcous entreaties, to procure him admittance to the general. The officer found, on inquiry, that he was the son of one of the prisoners, a soldier distinguished for yers are at loggerheads, and can't for their lives his eminent personal bravery, who had not been tell what has become of the hard money," taken, even when overwhelmed by numbers without giving and receiving many severe wounds.

order had been given, for Morillo would not be imhis country's enemies, that the bravest and most can learn? You may learn these seven things. generous among them could have found no mercy the Spaniards to follow him.

"You shall see the general, boy, since you wish ty and one half aside for a rainy day. it," said the officer in reply to the boy's passionate "Secondly: That you have gone too much upen us too much trouble already!"

They entered the general's tent: Morillo, by the cersstood near tum; there was no one else in the tent. The brow of the chief we contracted, and decoyed into a bog.

his eyes flashed as if what he read displeased him, a Thirdly: That you have been in too much as the officer entered with the boy. The child, as race. soon as Morillo was pointed on to him, rushed forward and knelt at his feet. -

"What does this moun!" demanded the gene-"Spare him! spare my father!" sobbed the youth-

ful supplicant. The officers explained his relationship to one of

the prisoners about to be executed. "Ah! that reminds me," said the Chief, looking at his watch Pedro nine is the hour. Let them

be punctual, and have the business soon over. Again, with moving entreaties the child be sought his father's life

"Did thy father send thee hither?" asked the Seperal, sternly. "No senor, he did not."

" And how darest thou, then .-"My tuber has done nothing to deserve death. answeredthe lad. He is aprisoner of war." "Ha! wh taught thee to question my justice? answer me!"

"No ob senor, but brave generals do not alwayse'll their prisoners."

"Ikill.whom I choose, thundered Morillo; and I hase the French. Boy, thy father shall die. I have

said it; begone." The officer made a silent sign to the petitioner. to intimate that there was no hope, and that he must begone. But the boy's countenance suddenly changed. He walked up to the general, who had turned away, and placed himelf directly before him, with a look of calm resolution worthy of a marter.

"Hear me, senor, said he, my father is gray-headed; he is wounded; his strength is failing even now, though he stands up to receive the fire of your men. I am young, and strong, and well. Let them shoot me in his place, and let my father go

It was impossible to doubt the sincerity of this the brow of Marillo, and for a moment he looked on the boy in silence.

"Thou sit willing to die," of length he said, "for thy father? Then, to suffer pain for him will be nothing. Wift thou lose one of thy ears to save

The victim wept but resisted not, nor raised his hand to wine away the streaming blood.

"So far, goods wilt thou lose the other ear?" "I will, to save my father!" Answered the ov convulsively.

Morillo's eyes flashed. The heroism of a child ompelled even his admiration; but unmoved from his cruel purpose, he smote off the other ear with his still reeking sword.

There was a dead silence. "And now, senor," said the boy, breathing quickly, and looking up

"And now," answered Morillo, "depart -THE FATHER OF SUCH A CHILD IS DANGEROUS TO which was only garrisoned by a Spanish Swiss Spann; HE MUST PAY THE FORFEIT OF HIS

Spannards soon occupied the heights in front of the of his inhuman foe. Presently the report of firearms announced that he had witnessed the executton of his father!"

Must we blame the cruelty of individuals for such enormities!-or not rather the relentless spirit of war, that builds up the glory of its heroes on a scaffolding of death, and sacrifices daily to the pro-

UNCLE BENJAMIN'S SERMON. Not many hours ago I heard Uncle Benjamin discussing this matter to his son, who was com-

"Rely upon it, Sammy," said the old man, a he leaned on his staff, with his gray locks flowing

"Replaing at losses, is only putting perper into a sore eye. Crops will fail in all soils, and we may pretty smartly, it was as much as to say, 'Here i Just then one of the inferior officers, returning something which you have got to learn; Sammy, though you have a wife and two children."

"Ay," cried Sammy," you may say that, and a mother-in-law, and two apprentices into the bar gain; and I should like to know what a poor man can learn here, when the greatest scholars and law-

"Softly, Sammy, I am older than you. I have not got these gray hairs and this crooked back This soldier, weary and wounded, but invincible without some burdens. I could tell you stories of in courage and spirit, for he scorned to ask the the days of continental money, when my grandfathclemency of his conqueror, was now to suffer death er used to stuff a sufky-box with bills to pay for a with his companion in misfortune. The terrible yearling or a wheat fan, and when the Jersey woman used thorns for pins, and laid their teapots apeded in his march by prisoners; and he so hated way in the garret. You wish to know what you

"First that you have saved too little and spent at his hands. The prisoner's little boy, refusing to too much. I never taught you to be a miser, but I be separated from his father, had been suffered by have seen you giving your dollar for a 'notion,' when you might have laid one half aside for hari

entreaties; "but he will not grant your father's on credit. I always told you credit was a shadow; life. San Lucas! but these French dogs have giv- it shows that there is a substance behind, which casts the shadows; but a small body may cast a greater shadow; and no wise man will follow the light of the lamp burning on the table, was reading shadow any further than he can see the substance a dispatch he had just received. Two of his offi- You may now learn that you have followed the opinion and fashion of others until you have been

and he looked up with an imponent exclamation haste to become rich. Slow and easy wins the

"Fourthly: That no course of life can be depended upon as always prosperous. I am afraid the younger race of working men in America have a notion that nobody would go to ruin on this side the water. Providence has greatly blessed us, but we have become presumptuous.

#Fifthly: That you have not been thankful enough to God for his benefits in past times. "Sixthly: That you may be thankful our lot is no worse. We might have famine, or pestilence,

or war, tyranny, or all together. St And, lastly to end my sermon, you may learn

your infancy, 'Give us this day our daily bread. The old man ceased, and Sammy put on his

OHIO LAWS.

COPY OF THE BILL AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BANK OF WOOSTER. Whereas, The Stockholders of the Bunk of

Wooster have presented their petition to this General Assembly setting forth their inability to transact business under the present restrictive laws relating to banking in this State, and praying to be restored to their original rights and privileges under their charter, subject, nevertheless, to the condition of individual and personal liability of the Stock-

Whereas, Said Stockholders would be greatly injured in the settlement of the affairs of said bank. if the time for the settlement thereof is not extended Therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enucted by the General Assembly of the State of Onio, That from and after the first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and until the first day of June. offer, for the face of the devoted child was kindled in the year one thousand eight hundred and tifty, with a holy enthtsiasm. A dark flash rushed to the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Wooster shall be entitled to use, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities granted to them by the act entitled "an act to in corporate the Bank of Wooster," passed Februry lourteen, one th usand eight hundred and thirty four: Provided, That each and all the Stockhold-"I wil " was the firm reply.

"Lend he thy sword, Pable," and in an initian, bility mentioned in the second section of this act, deem us from such errors, and place the American

Auditor of State on, or before the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty four and Your firm and inflexible adherance to republican

SEC. 2. That from and after the first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four, the Stockholders of said bank of Wooster, shall be severally liable, in their individual and private capacity, for each and every valid claim against said bank, except in cases where depositors and said bank shall agree.

SEC. 3 The Board of Directors of said bank shall consist of not less than nine nor more than thirteen members, at the discretion of the Stock-

Suc. 4. If any president, director, trustee, cashier, or other officer, clerk or agent of said bank, shall embezzle, or fraudulently convert to his own or property, or commit any breach of trust, with intent to convert to his own use, or the use or benefit of any other person, any effects or property belonging to said bank or deposited therein he shall be fiable to a prosecution by indictment, and upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the Pententiary, and kept at hard labor, not more than ten years, nor less than one year. Suc. 5. That whenever the stockholders of the

Bank of Wooster shall have complied with the for the Presidency. provisions of the first section of this act, then so such of the nineteenth section of the act entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to regulate lates to the Bank of Wooster, shall be deemed as

SEC. 6. That it is unlawful for said bank to an or discount to any stockholder or director upon any note or evidence of debt, or to permit my stockholder or director to become liable in any form to the bank to a greater amount than one half of the capital stock of such stockholder or director actually possessed by him; provided, that nothing serein contained shall be so construed as to prevent said Bank from buying and selling bona fide bills of exchange at their market value.

Sec. 7. That said bank of Wooster shall be required to have and keep in the vault thereof, as the ctual property of said bank, an amount of gold or ilver coin equal to one dollar for every three dolars of its circulation: and in case it shall so happen that said bank, by the redemption of its notes and the payment of its immediate labilities, in gold or silver coin, shall violate so much of this section as from my nomination, I felt assured that they we relates to the proportion of its specie and circulaion, it shall be unlawful for the directors of said bank, from the time such disproportion occurs, to discount any note, bill, bond, or other security, or in any manner pay out or put in circulation, any of the circulating notes of said bank, until the legal proportion of circulation and gold and silver coin hall be regained, and all such discounts made in violation of the previsions of this section shall be considered, and held, to all intents and purposes, with which they have from time to time void; and the directors consenting to such violation, with domestic dissentions. I cannot, therefore to said bank for such violation. Provided, That funds on deposit in Philadelphia, New York or Boston, subject to sight drafts by said bank, shall be deemed equivalent to gold and silver coin, in the vaults thereof, so far as it regards the amount of

Suc. S. That the La Favette Bank of Cincinnati, and the Bank of Zenia, shall be entitled to use. exercise, and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities granted to them by their respective charters, on the same conditions that the like privileges and immunities are hereby granted to the Bank of Wooster, and subject to the same qualifications and restrictions, as are by this act, imposed upon the said bank of Wooster.

From the Globe. MR. VANBUREN'S REPLY TO THE PENN-SYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION.

This letter is characteristic of Mr. Van Buren. into it. He would do no despicable thing to obtain any honor or advantage to himself personally; nity in the station itself.

HARRISBURGH, Jan. 20, 1844

Hon. Martin Van. Buren.

tion adopted at that meeting.

tutions are destined to be perpetuated.

We ought never to despair of the republic when folly, and madness, swept through the land. The have given of that national struggle. Neither an deceived votary, like the wanderer in the desert, I unmindful of the bias which the relation in wi led by the mirage, pressed on to grasp the delusive I stood towards it, is calculated to exercise u

at one blow, the general struck off the boy's ear .- | by filing their written declaration thereof, with the | character and popular suffrage in the high position

provided also, that said bank shall be subject to principles demands our admiration, and fully entiother qualifications and restrictions hereinafter confriend of his country, and in so doing he feets the assurance that he is advancing and sustaining those principles which directed a Jefferson, a Madison and a Jackson.

Be pleased to accept the assurance of our high

Very truly, your friends and fellow citizens, JAMES R. SNOWDEN, President.

Asa Dimock, Henry Buehler, Irad Wilson, John B. Sterigere, George Nagle, Joseph Baily, M. McCaslin, Isaac G. McKinley, Henry Logan, John J. M'Cahen, Henry W. Smith, Daniel M. Lane, John Heiner, David Barnett-Vice Presi-

F. W. Hughes, Elisha S. Goodrich, Wm. H. use, or shall fraudulently take or secrete any effects Coleman, Levi L. Tate, John S. Carter, James G. Sample-Secretaries.

> LINDENWALD, January 29, 1844. GENTLEMEN: I have had the honor to receive your obliging letter, communicating the proceedings of a State democratic mass meeting, held at Harrisburg on the 17th inst., at which my name was, with entire unanimity, presented to the dem. ocratic party of Pennsylvania, as their candidate

I cannot refrain from saying that I have received your communication with feelings of no ordinary character. An expression of opinion so imposing Banking in Ohio," passed February twenty-one, as that which you have been deputed to convey one thousand eight hundred and forty three, as re- to me, coming from any portion of my political associates, could not fail, at any time, to excite my profound gratitude. There are circumstaces, however, attending this, which seem to deserve a more particular notice at my hands. My relations with the democracy of your great

State has been in some respects peculiar. They sustained me by their confidence and support, at most interesting crisis in my political career. I have been honored and cheered by their good will, when it was not in their power to render it effective, and their support was at one time withheld from me, and conferred upon another, when I received that of their political brethren of the Union. Why should I not embrace an occasion so oppor tune, and possibly the last that may occur, to assure them that neither then, nor at any other time during the whole course of my political life, have I ever for a moment, doubted their disposition to do me ample justice? Although they dissented actuated by motives which were entitled to tire respect. "I have, there cherish, in common withthroughout the Union, tow ble and (as the fullest experie unpurchasable democracy of Pen ments of sincere respect for their adhe ocratic principles under circumstan shall be liable, jointly and severally, in their indi-tiemen, too highly appreciate an expression of confidence and favor, proceeding from so respectable a portion of them, on this, the last occasion on which my name can ever be presented to the country for any public station.

Yet these are not the only considerations which give interest to the proceedings which you have transmitted to me. It is known to all, and by no one more cheerfully admitted than by myself, that a large majority of our political friends in Pennsylvanis preferred that the honor which those whom you represent have now so cordially awarded to me, should be bestowed upon a justly distinguisheducitizen of their own State-one admirably qualified, for the successful discharge of any public duty, and possessing likewise, in an eminent degree, the confidence and good will of the democracy of the Union. It certainly becomes others better than myself to comment on the propriety of his withdrawal from the canvass, when it had been ascertained that the wishes of his more immediate friends were not (for reasons, however, not de-He would despise the presidency if he were sung tracting from the merits of their favorite) in accordance with those of the great body of their political brethren in other States. I should not, howand we are sure he would never accept the chief ever, do justice to the occasion, nor to my own to offer, with more understanding, the prayer of magistracy at the hands of his party, however in- feelings, were I to pass over in silence the fact. clined to give his services in support of its princi- that but for this surrender of his pretensions to proples, if they sought the power of tendering it to mote the general harmony, the proceedings for apron, and told Dick to blow away at the forge him through means destructive of all the virtues which I am offering my greeful acl nowledgments on which the government is founded, and of dighope, be thought amiss in any quarter, if I avail myself of the occasion to show that this commendable desire to promote unanimity among common Ion. Martin Van. Buren.

DEAR Sin: With this letter you will receive extent, been acted upon tyself. It is well a copy of the proceedings of a State democratic known that amid prevailing preference of the dama mass meeting, held at the seat of government of ocracy of Pennsylvania for her distinguished son. Pennsylvania on the 17th inst., which we have there was a portion of them, of whose confidence the honor to forward in compliance with a resolu- any public man might well be proud, who avowed a preference, which they had early imbibed, and The democracy of Pennsylvania, in common zealously cherished, for myself. It is not howevwith their brethren of the other States, are anxious er, so well known that, without attempting to into wipe away the stain, which rests upon our coun- terfere with their free exercise of opinion, I caused try in consequence of the result of the election in them to be informed that, as far as my individual feelings were concerned, it would be entirely sat-It will be a glorious reversal of that decision to isfactory to have them unite with the rest of our reinstate you in the position which you filled with political friends in the State, in giving its vote in such distinguished honor to yourself, and advantage convention to him who was the choice of the mato the country; and a return to those republican jority. That this suggestion had not been adopted principles which characterized your administration, was, I feel assured, not because those to whom it was addressed were less friendly to the favorite of and that of your predecessor, will give ussurance was addressed to the friends of liberty, that our republican instirespect and confidence of his countrymen; together owing to considerations growing out o the popular voice is left to the guidance of reason the contest of 1840, which they deemed imperand virtue, now, these are in the ascendant; then, tive. I cannot, I am confident, add anything reason was dethroned, and a whirl-wind of passion the masterly and eloquent description which y